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Newsletter – October 2024

It is now four weeks since our Spring Show, where is the time going? Our PROPA Bus Trip is just a week away and just over six weeks till our Christmas Awards Dinner. It doesn't feel that long since I sat down and compiled our last newsletter and then followed that with our Spring Show Wrap Up. I must admit I am feeling very busy at the moment. Kinda looking forward to the break over the Christmas & New Year period but that will also go quickly no doubt.

The Show Wrap Up was only emailed to members, for those of you who receive your newsletters by mail, if you can give us an email address of a friend or family member, we can forward this to you also. Also, our September Newsletter had not been mailed out prior to our September Meeting. I didn't realise this until the meeting. I had emailed the printers with the newsletter, and they may have forgotten to let Karen know that they were ready for collection. She should have mailed them out by the time you receive this newsletter.

Our AGM will be in February, maybe members could think about putting their hands up for positions on the committee or maybe even some of the executive management positions, 2025 will be a big year for our society.

The committee has already begun the planning for our 70th Anniversary Show to be held at our 2025 Autumn Show. The Robert Schwarten Pavilion has been booked for the weekend of the 26th & 27th April, with set up on Friday 25th April. And yes, we realise it is Anzac Day but with Easter falling in the same month there were no other dates available to hold the show. As a bonus, for those of us who work full time, it means we don't need to take the Friday off work.¹⁰

As advised at our September meeting our Show door numbers were down on previous shows, sadly maybe a sign of the times, with the Bromeliad Society and The Horticultural Society both recording lower visitor numbers to their shows recently. Hopefully things will be looking up by the time of our 2025 Shows.

Sandra Rowcliffe - Editor.

**Next Monthly Meeting: Saturday 26th October 2024.
Doors Open 12.30pm and Meeting Starts at 1:30pm.**

Plants must be tabled by 1.20pm at the latest.

Notice to Members: Please assist if you can with cleaning the hall after the meeting.

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Rockhampton Orchid Society Inc.
General Meeting Saturday 28th September commencing at 1.30pm

Attendance: As per register

Apologies: As per register

New Members: #3 – Helena & Wayne Maker

Visitors: NIL

Minutes of August 2024 monthly meeting as published in the newsletter were approved as correct and accurate.

Moved Dennis Ratcliffe

Seconded Michael Rowcliffe

Carried

Treasurer's Report – This was sent out separately to Newsletter.

Karen moved that her report be accepted

Seconded Kay Ratcliffe

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR GENERAL MEETING OF R.O.S.I. ON SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2024

IN –

- Newsletters – Albany Orchid Society, Blackwater Garden Club (Sept & Oct), Bundaberg Orchid Society, Caboolture Orchid Society, Caloundra Orchid Society, Childers & Isis District Orchid Society, Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society, Glasshouse Country Orchid Society, Hervey Bay Orchid Society, Mackay and District Orchid Society, Maryborough Orchid Society (Sept & Oct), North Qld Orchid Society, Pine Rivers Orchid & Foliage Society.
- STOCQ Email about the Port Curtis Orchid & Foliage Society
- Email with photos from the AOS Spring Show 2024
- STOCQ Emails about meeting in Buderim on 9th November
- Orchids Qld Inc, notification of the AGM to be held in Buderim in November
- Email re: Gambling Fund Grant Success for defibrillator.

OUT –

- Newsletters from other clubs to members
- Show Article to CQ Today newspaper
- Show Article to AOC for inclusion in the magazine

Sandra Rowcliffe moved that the Inwards correspondence acknowledged as received and outwards correspondence endorsed as sent.

Seconded

Denise Philip

Carried

Growers Group: No more grower's group gatherings for 2024, the 2025 Committee will organise agenda early next year.

Business Arising from the last meeting: Nil

Popular Vote – Members completed the popular orchid vote.

General Business:

- Jeff mentioned that it was the poorest show income in 27 years. Although there was a bit more in expenditure, it wasn't much. Sadly, with the loss of our Patron, Neil Fisher, we have lost the TV Segment that used to advertise our Shows. Also, with the dance competition on the Sunday he felt that the lack of car parks could have contributed to people not wishing to walk longer distances to visit the show. And the show dates were changed and fell on the first weekend of the school holidays could have contributed to lower numbers. Entry numbers were down by 200.
- Jeff spoke about the possible change in the stores sales at future shows which will be discussed between the committee and presented at a following general meeting.
- Jeff said that the quality and volume of plants was exceptional.
- Jeff handed out the engraved show trophies to the winners, photos were taken.
- The Robert Schwarten Pavilion is booked for the 70th Anniversary Show the weekend after Easter, it will be held on 26th & 27th April 2025. Set up will be on Anzac Day. More details will be given next year.
- The \$2995.00 grant from the Gambling Benefits Funds was received and we purchased a ZOLL AED machine.
- PROPA Field Trip – 25 people will be on the coach and 9 members are driving up. Cost for the coach trip is \$200.00 per head. For those who have not fully paid for the trip it needs to be paid in the next fortnight. Saturday night dinner will be paid for by the members attending, venue to be advised. There is no schedule yet for the Sunday. Saturday lunch will be at Max & Sue's residence in Sarina. There will be a visit to Doug & Eve Penningh's place.
- We will start getting ideas together for our 70th Anniversary Show in April 2025. At this stage the vendors will be Paul Smith, Rick Emmerson, Alice's Orchids & M&S Orchids.
 - Jeff mentioned that there was some interest in making this an Open Show. He explained Closed Shows were for members only and Open Shows were anyone affiliated with the AOC. Tony March spoke that he felt it would be better our 70th Anniversary Show be an Open Show. A discussion then was held, and a few members spoke up. Someone mentioned that people who weren't members would enter for our higher prize money, someone suggested that we can

decrease the prize money to stop this. Jenni Scott said that prizemoney needs to stay the same to keep members interested in entering. Jenni said in 2010 when she started growing orchids that at the Kawana Show (STOCQ Conference) that John Hughes took out Grand Champion and Jeff Glover Reserve Champion. Tara Thorn asked about STOCQ Conferences, which are usually Open Shows. Marg Handley said that our show entry numbers were high without any outside entries coming in. Jeff asked for a show of hands and the majority voted to keep it a Closed Show. There is no reason that anyone wishing to enter the show could not do so if they pay their \$30 membership fee.

- Jeff mentioned that there was a pile of books for anyone to take home, any that were remaining would be binned.
- Trish had bought the newest OrchidWiz and Jeff has to load onto his laptop.

Plant Commentary – with Jeff Glover absent, Jenni Scott headed the judges group. Trish delivered a commentary on the Novice Orchids and congratulated all on a beautiful show of orchids. Jenni Scott spoke on Advanced Cats, Vandas, Species and Bob Jenkins spoke on the rest.

Moyna Richards gave a talk on soft canes and her Golden Aya. She spoke about the black fungus line near the stem sheath. She sprays hers with a systemic fungicide (triforine) and the fungal infection is controllable.

Lucky Number: #2 – Maxine Robinson

Exhibitor's Raffle: #121 – Sandra Rowcliffe

General Raffle – Terry Breingan, Tony O'Connor x 2, Daphne Jenkinson, Gwen Breingan, Marg Handley x 2, Sandra Rowcliffe, Linda Schulz, Toni Jenkinson, Jana Bennett

Next General Meeting – Saturday 26th October 2024.

Next Committee Meeting – postponed to Saturday 2nd November at Bob & Shirley's home.

Meeting closed at 3.40 pm

Jeff Bloxson

President

Sandra Rowcliffe

Secretary

JUDGES CHOICE WINNERS – SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING



IMPORTANT NOTICE – WITH THE PAINTING AT THE HALL COMPLETED - WE REQUIRE SEVERAL MEMBERS TO ASSIST MOVING BACK OUR CUPBOARDS PRIOR TO OUR OCTOBER MEETING COMMENCING– PLEASE BE AT THE HALL EARLIER BY 11.00AM TO ASSIST WITH THIS TASK.

Annual Competition – September 2024 Results

Judges Choice

<i>Brassia</i> Golden Gamine ‘White Knight’	T March
<i>Paph.</i> Hilo Citron ‘Grant Dorsal’ x <i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Citrine	T March
<i>Phaius</i> Lady Ramona Harris ‘Looking @ You’	B Jenkins / S Kuhl

Popular Vote

Advanced (Plants Tabled: 90)

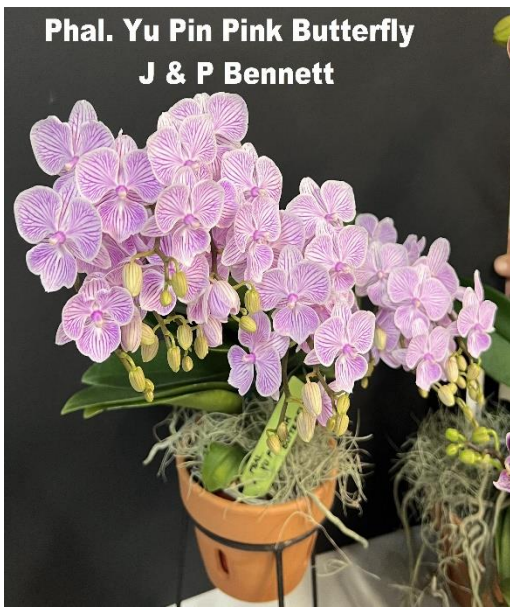
Cattleya up to 100mm and over	Tie – <i>Ctt.</i> Alasks Pattern ‘Bundy’ Tie – <i>Ctt.</i> Trick or Treat	B Jenkins /S Kuhl J Scott
Vandaceous up to 65mm	<i>Vanda</i> Marissa’s Little John	J & P Bennett
Vandaceous 65mm & over	<i>Vanda</i> Lee Crawford	J Scott
Oncidium	<i>Onsca.</i> Mayfair ‘Trinity’	J Scott
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Hagaroma ‘Spring Fiji’	J & P Bennett
Phalaenopsis up to 60mm	Tie – <i>Phal.</i> Yu Pin Pink Butterfly Tie- <i>Phal.</i> Unknown	J & P Bennett J & P Bennett
Phalaenopsis over 60mm	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown	B Jenkins /S Kuhl
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph.</i> Hilo Citron ‘Grant Dorsal’ x <i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Citrine	T March
Species – All Genera	<i>Den. anosmum</i>	J & P Bennett
Miscellaneous	<i>Phaius</i> Lady Ramona Harris ‘Looking @ You’	B Jenkins / S Kuhl

Novice (Plants Tabled: 30)

Cattleya up to 100mm	<i>C.</i> Shinfong Little Sun ‘Young Min Golden Boy’	A Cunningham
Cattleya over 100mm	<i>Cat.</i> Unknown	J & D Jenkinson
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phal.</i> Ruey Lih Queen	J & D Jenkinson
Dendrobium	<i>Den.</i> Capricorn’s Pink Mist	J & D Jenkinson
Species	<i>Den. farmeri fma. albiflorum</i>	T O’Connor
Miscellaneous	<i>Vanda</i> Suksamran Gold	T Thorn

POPULAR VOTE WINNERS – SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING





Phal. Yu Pin Pink Butterfly
J & P Bennett



Phal. Unknown - B Jenkins/S Kuhl



Phaius Lady Ramona Harris
'Looking @ You' - B Jenkins/S Kuhl



Phal. Ruey Lih Queen
J & D Jenkinson



C. Shinfong Little Sun 'Young Min Golden Boy' - A Cunningham



Den. Capricorn's Pink Mist
J & D Jenkinson



Den. farmeri fma albiflorum
T O'Connor



V. Suksamran Gold
T Thorn

*****There is a photo missing of the Novice Popular Vote for Cat. Unknown – J & D Jenkinson*****
*****Apologies for missing photographing this orchid. *****

Engraved Show Trophies handed out at September Meeting – absent Jeff Glover



**ROSI NEW MEMBERS
Presented with their
Growers Folders**



Check out the box of trophies that Jeni Scott won >

Meeting attendees below



Moyna Richardson giving a talk on fungus infections on soft cane dendrobiums and her Golden Aya >



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LARGE RANGE OF ORCHID SUPPLIES

Judging News

While the Spring Show did not produce any awards it certainly made the lower than usual number of attending judges and students earn their 'Money'. Every section was well represented with entries on a par with previous Spring Shows despite the cooler than average Winter.

As mentioned, the number of judges was down due to various factors including the inevitable clashes of orchid-events at this time of year. However, over the past two monthly meetings both have produced awarded plants, and a convened panel meeting also resulted in another award.



Sandra Rowcliffe's *Paphiopedilum* St Swithin 'Lilly Anne' HCC/AOC was awarded at the August meeting gaining 78.5 points. This was Sandra's first award, and she now adds her name to the considerable number of Rockhampton Orchid Society members who have awarded plants. Congratulations Sandra.

Tony March followed up at the September meeting with his third award (pending) with another *Paphiopedilum*. It was an unregistered hybrid of *Paph. Hilo Citron* x *Paph. Hsyining Citrine*. Tony has since registered it with the Royal Horticultural Society. His application was accepted with



him giving it the name of *Chatreuse Stria*. It is awaiting confirmation but will be *Paph. Chatreuse Stria 'Jodee'* HCC/AOC. It gained 77 points from the judges. Congratulations Tony.



Not to be outdone Bob Jenkins has just this month had a huge specimen plant *Cymbidium madidum* provisionally awarded an ACM (Award of Cultural Merit), (pending) at a convened panel meeting at his residence. It really is a big plant; this species is one of only three endemic Australian Cymbidiums. Bob's plant had over 750 flowers on 20 inflorescences. The judges gave it 80 points and will be, *Cym. madidum 'Shirley's Pride'* ACM/AOC. This is Bob's first award, who will now also add his name to the 'swelling ranks' of ROSI members who have awarded plants.

I would like to thank Peter Jenkinson who very ably stood in for me while I was away and officiated at the last two assessments.

Jeff Glover

Asst Registrar and Training Officer STOCI Northern Panel

ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC

CHRISTMAS PARTY PRESENTATION NIGHT

VENUE – CALLAGHAN PARK RACECOURSE- REANY STREET

DATE – SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER– TIME – 6.00PM

SEATED DINNER 7.00PM – 2 COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER BUFFET

DRINKS SUPPLIED – SOFT DRINKS

ALL ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AT OWN COST

THERE WILL BE THE USUAL LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

SOME LUCKY SPOT PRIZES

OUR ANNUAL MEGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL COMPETITION TROPHIES

ANNUAL AWARD CERTIFICATES & PRIZE MONEY

FINAL NAMES AND TABLE SEATING LISTS WILL BE REQUIRED

NO LATER THAN LAST GENERAL MEETING ON 16TH NOV

ROUND TABLES OF 10 ONLY – NO SQUARE TABLES

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A FULL TABLE - OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE PLACED ON YOUR TABLE TO EVEN THE NUMBERS OUT – LIST AT NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS

THE COST OF THE EVENING IS \$56 EACH

WITH A SUBSIDY FROM THE CLUB

MEMBER COST \$45-00 EACH

PAYMENT FOR DINNER ON OR BEFORE FINAL GENERAL MEETING 16TH NOVEMBER

PLEASE DO A BANK TRANSFER TO OUR A/C – NOTE- XMAS & MEMBER NUMBER

BSB 633000 A/C 178258414 – CASH PAYMENT AT GENERAL MEETING

NO PAYMENT ON NIGHT – BOOKINGS ONLY

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS

AND SEE OUT 2024 WITH A BANG



Orchids of the month

This month I am covering two genera. Both of these have been tabled recently at our Show and Monthly Meetings.

Source: www.gunaorchids.com

CHYSIS LIMMINGHEI



Chysis Limminghei is a small to medium-sized, pendant growing epiphyte found at altitudes close to sea level and needs hot conditions to thrive so that it can bloom in the summer as a new growth arises on a pendulous, robust, 12" long, racemose inflorescence with fragrant, waxy, long-lasting flowers. The showy racemes of large flowers with waxy lips appear with new growth in the spring. The leaves can take a good deal more light than is apparent from their thickness. This genus also tends to be partially deciduous.

A few of these plants were tabled on both the advanced and novice tables. It was mentioned to me that it was important not to wet the flowers otherwise they rot.

CARE KEY

GENUS

CHYSIS

NATIVITY

MEXICO



Allow Roots to Dry
Between Waterings



Very Bright, Indirect
2500 - 3500 fc



Warm
70-95°F / 21-35°C



Moderate
50-75%



TYPE

SPECIES

ELEVATION

700 to 1700 M

The next genera I am covering is Phaius, Bob Jenkins & Shirley Kuhl's Phaius Lady Ramona Harris 'Looking @ You' was awarded a Judges Choice and also took out the Advanced Popular Vote for that section.

There were several plants of this genera at our Spring Show, where Bob Jenkins had a very large plant with a flower stem of around 2 meters long.

PHAIUS TANKERVILLEAE VAR. AUSTRALIS

These are species of this genera that are endemic to Australia. The common name is a Swamp Orchid. The number of hybrids is also increasing of this genera.

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

Phaius tankervilleae var. *australis*, also known as the **common swamp orchid**, **southern swamp-orchid**, **swamp lily** or **island swamp-orchid**, is a species of orchid endemic to eastern Australia. It is an evergreen, terrestrial herb with large, crowded pseudobulbs, large pleated leaves and flowers that are reddish brown on the inside and white outside.



Leaves on a plant in [Coffs Harbour](#)

Description

Phaius tankervilleae var. *australis* is an evergreen, terrestrial herb with fleshy, crowded pseudobulbs 50–70 mm (2–3 in) long and wide. There are between four and eight pleated, lance-shaped, dark green leaves 50–125 cm (20–50 in) long and 80–100 mm (3–4 in) wide, with the narrower end towards the base. Between four and sixteen fleshy flowers 60–100 mm (2–4 in) long and 65–110 mm (3–4 in) long are borne on a thick flowering stem 50–200 cm (20–80 in) long. The flowers are the largest of all Australian orchids and are reddish brown on the inside, white on the outside. The sepals are 45–55 mm (1.8–2.2 in) long, 12–20 mm (0.5–0.8 in) wide, the dorsal sepal angled upwards and the lateral sepals spread widely apart from each other. The petals are a similar size to the sepals. The labellum is 50–60 mm (2.0–2.4 in) long, 40–45 mm (1.6–1.8 in) wide, has three lobes and ranges in colour from yellow to bright purple. The middle lobe has wavy or crinkly edges and the side lobe sometimes form a tube shape around the column or spread widely apart from each other. Flowering occurs between September and November in Australia.

Taxonomy and naming

The common swamp orchid was first formally described in 1858 by Ferdinand von Mueller who gave it the name *Phaius australis* and published the description in *Fragmenta phytographiae Australiae*. In 2017, Judi

Stone and Phillip James Cribb published a monograph entitled *Lady Tankerville's Legacy - A Historical and Monographic Review of Phaius and Gastrorchis* and reduced *Phaius australis* to a variety of *Phaius tankervilleae*.

Distribution and habitat

Phaius tankervilleae var. *australis* is found in near-coastal swampy forest between Cooktown in Queensland and Lake Cathie in New South Wales. It sometimes forms large colonies especially in *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamps and in wet forests.

Conservation

The common swamp orchid, as *Phaius australia*, is listed as "endangered" under the Australian Government Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and the New South Wales Government Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. The main threats to the species are illegal collection of the plants and flowers, habitat loss and invasion by weeds such as *lantana* and umbrella tree (*Heptapleurum actinophyllum*).

Use in horticulture

An easily grown plant in cultivation, it prefers semi shade. Propagation is achieved from seed or by the cutting of the base clump of the plant. The decorative and scented flowers occur between late August and October. Coloured reddish brown with yellow. Another method of regeneration is flower stem node propagation. Where, after flowering, the scape is either laid whole or in sections on a medium such as sphagnum moss or stood in a container of water. Plantlets emerge from the nodes, and when large enough, are removed and potted up. The large flowers occur in spring.



Queensland Government and the Gambling Community Benefit Committee

Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) grant notification

The Rockhampton Orchid Society were fortunate recipients of the recent Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant that we applied for to purchase a Defibrillator for the Club.

The unit that we purchased is a ZOLL fully automatic machine, and easy to use with a coloured screen and voiced instructions, and though we hope we don't ever have to use it, it will mean in the instance of one of our members taking a turn for the worse at one of our meetings or gatherings, it will allow us to hopefully make a difference to their survival.



**Queensland
Government**

Mrs Rowcliffe
Accountable Officer
ROCKHAMPTON ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

Dear Mrs Rowcliffe

On behalf of the Queensland Government and the Gambling Community Benefit Committee, I am pleased to advise that a Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) grant of \$2,995.00 has been awarded to your organisation.

The GCBF awards funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities. As Minister responsible for the fund I know first-hand the hard work organisations such as yours contribute to the community.

I wish your organisation every success with its future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

YVETTE D'ATH MP

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

We wish to acknowledge the receiving of this Grant and thank the Queensland Government for allowing us the opportunity to make application for the grant.

2024 Show Dates

Supplied by John Rees

**** ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****

November 9th Nambour Species Show

STOCQ Meeting hosted by Maroochydore OS

2024 ROSI MEETING DATES

- 26th October
- 16th November
- No Meeting in December

2025 Dates

**** ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****

February STOCQ AGM - Gympie

March 8th – Maroochydore Orchid Show

20th, 21st & 22nd – Childers & Isis OS Autumn Show

April 11th & 12th – Caloundra OS Show

17th & 18th – Bribie Island OS Show

18th, 19th & 20th – Gladstone OS Show

26th & 27th Rockhampton 70th Anniversary Autumn Show

May 3rd & 4th - Gympie & DOS Show

9th, 10th & 11th – Bundaberg OS Show

9th & 10th – Noosa DO & FS Show

10th - Maroochydore OS Show Bli Bli

June 14th STOCQ Meeting - Bundaberg Orchid Society

July 18th & 19th – Caboolture OS Winter Show

August 8th & 9th - Maroochydore OS Show Buderim

28th, 29th & 30th – Childers & Isis OS Spring Show

September 6th & 7th STOCQ Meeting - Nambour OS & Orchidfest

11th, 12th & 13th – Maryborough DOS Show

13th & 14th Rockhampton OS Spring Show

19th & 20th – Noosa DO 7 FS Show

26th & 27th – Glasshouse OS Show

October 1st to 5th – AOC Conference & Show Woolgoolga NSW

November

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